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SYRIEL E. CORLEY CONNECTIONS

CORLEY CLANS IN EARLY MISSISSIPPI

by Mildred "Mickey" (Hutchins) Corley
1983

Our Corley family came from Mississippi and was in the region as early as 1816 when Mississippi and Alabama were all part of the Territory² of Mississippi. There were four Corley families living in Wayne County¹⁹ and three Corley families living in Pike County¹⁹ in 1816. The Territory was divided along its present day lines and on December 10, 1817 Mississippi became the 20th state. Since Wayne County is on the state lines both state censuses were searched to determine in which state the families were living. No Corley family was found at that time in Alabama. In 1820, the four families from Wayne county, plus an additional family, were in Perry County. Two of the families living in Pike County in 1816 were still there in 1820 and one had moved to Marion County.

The oldest proven ancestor of our particular Corley Clan is Syriel (Syrrel) E. Corley who was born around 1825 in Mississippi^{6&7}. This would indicate that any Corley family living in Mississippi in 1830 with a son born around 1825 could have been the parents of Syriel (Syrrel) so the 1830 and 1840 censuses were checked very carefully. In both censuses this gives us two age groups that he might have been cited in: 5 to 10 and 10 to 15 in the 1830 census - 10 to 15 and 15 to 20 in the 1840 census.

A deep southern drawl made Corley sound like Cawley apparently as both spellings appear in the records for identical families. The following chart shows the Corley families by head of family - what county they lived in - what year - was there a male born ca 1825 in the family:

<u>CORLEY(CAWLEY)</u>	<u>1816</u>	<u>1820³</u>	<u>1830⁴</u>	<u>1840⁵</u>	<u>male born^{4&5} ca 1825</u>
BALAM (BALAAM)	-	-	Perry	Jasper	no
BERRYMAN (BERRY)	Wayne ¹	Perry	Rankin	-	yes
E. P.	-	-	-	Copiah	yes
ELIZABETH	-	-	-	Newton	yes
HIRAM	-	-	Hinds	-	yes
ISHAM	-	-	Hinds	-	no
JACOB	Pike ¹⁹	Pike	Hinds	-	no
JEREMIAH	Pike ¹⁹	Pike	-	-	unknown
NATHAN	Wayne ¹	Perry	Jones	Newton	yes
PURTIMAN	Wayne ¹	Perry	Rankin	-	no
SETH	Pike ¹⁹	Marion	Copiah	Copiah	yes
VALENTINE	Wayne ¹	Perry	Rankin	-	no
WILLIAM	-	Perry ³³	-	-	unknown
WILLIAM	(1822)-----	Perry	Rankin	-	no

In the 1840 census there were other Corley families appearing but since they had no male of the right age to have been Syriel they have not been listed as possible ancestors of our Corley Clan. Information that has been located for the above families is given as follows:

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BALAM (BALAAM) CORLEY - b ca 1803 in South Carolina⁶
married

MARIAH - b ca 1805 in South Carolina⁶

Balam was in Perry County in 1830⁴ and had 1 female under 5 and 1 female 10-15 plus a female of the right age to have been his wife. In 1840 he appears as B. Corley in Jasper County with 1 male under 5, 1 male between 5 and 10, 2 females under 5, 1 female between 5 and 10 and 1 female between 15 and 20. His wife was apparently dead as there is no female listed in her age group. In 1850⁶ his wife's name was listed as Mariah and they were still living in Jasper county. Living in the household were Patsy, Balaam, Franklin, Mary, Anna Elizabeth and William G., all born in Mississippi.

BERRYMAN (BERRY) CORLEY - b between 1785 and 1790^{3&4}
married

ELIZABETH - born between 1790 and 1800^{3&4}

Berryman was living in Wayne County³ in 1816². By 1820 he had moved to Perry county where he was listed as Berry. In his household there was 1 male under 5 and 4 females between 10 and 16 plus a female of the right age to have been his wife. He owned 1 male slave. In 1830 he had moved to Rankin County⁴ and in the household were 2 males under 5, 2 males between 5 and 10, 1 female under 5, 2 females between 10 and 15 and one female between 15 and 20 plus a female of the right age to have been his wife. He now owned 2 slaves. On Sep 25, 1835²¹ under the Public Land Act of 1820, he purchased property in Rankin County²¹ and on Sep 21, 1837 he and Elizabeth, his wife, sold this property. This property was close to the town of Whitfield.²⁰ Although Berryman did not appear in the 1840 census, on December 10, 1840 he patented 38 acres of land²² adjacent to the land he had sold in 1837. he died sometime around 1840 as a reference to his estate settlement is indexed but Claim Book #1 to which the index refers cannot be located. An Elizabeth Cawley of the right age and with appropriate children was living in Newton County in 1840⁵.

ELIZABETH CAWLEY - born between 1780 and 1790⁵

In 1840, Elizabeth Cawley was living in Newton County⁵ with 1 male between 5 and 10, 2 males between 10 and 15 and 1 male between 15 and 20. Also in the household were 2 females between 10 and 15 and 1 female between 15 and 20. This would account for all but the oldest female living in the household of Berryman in 1830. The oldest female could have married within those 10 years. Elizabeth at that time owned three slaves. Only three households away lived Nathan Cawley. Living quite close also were the Castle and Wigington families who would later marry into our Corley Clan.

ELIZABETH CORLEY - born ca 1797 in North Carolina⁶
- born ca 1795 in South Carolina⁷

This Elizabeth Corley is probably the same as the Elizabeth Cawley recorded in Newton County in 1840. In 1850 she was in Newton County⁶ and living with her was Miles born ca 1827 in South Carolina (later^{7&23} he was reported to have been born in Mississippi). Also living with her were Alfred born ca 1831 and Missy born ca 1832 - both born in Mississippi. Living only 2 households away was William Corley born ca 1828 in Mississippi and very

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close by also was Cyril (Syriel/Syrrel) Corley. In 1860, Elizabeth and Miles were back in Rankin²⁸ County living with Martha Corley, the widow of Urban (Irvin) E. Corley.

ELIZABETH CORLEY - born ca 1786 in South Carolina⁶

In 1850 there was an Elizabeth Corley in Covich county living in the household of Reuben M. and Elizabeth McLemore⁶.

(Which of the above Elizabeths was the wife of Berryman is not known but in all probability the Elizabeth who lived in Newton County was his wife and the Elizabeth living in Covich county was the wife of one of the 1816 Pike County Corleys as this appears to be their line of migration.)

E. P. CORLEY - born between 1800 and 1810⁵

EDWARD P. CORLEY - born ca 1804 in South Carolina⁶
married

MARIETTA - born ca 1804 in Georgia⁶

E. P. Corley was in Covich County in 1840⁵. In his household there was 1 male between 10 and 15, one male between 20 and 30. Besides adults who would have been the right age to have been E. P. and his wife, there was an older female between age 50 and 60. In 1850 and 1860, Edward P. Corley and his wife, Marietta were living in Covich County but had no children living in the household^{6&7}. Elizabeth Corley is living close by with the family of Reuben McLemore, which could account for the older woman living in the household of E. P. Corley in 1840.

HIRAM CORLEY - born between 1800 and 1810

Hiram Corley was reported in Hinds County in 1830⁴ with a male under 5 and a female between 5 and 10. He was not located in any other census although⁵ an H. D. Corley, which could have been Hiram was in Lawrence County in 1840.

ISHAM T. CORLEY³⁶ b ca 1798 in Georgia⁶
married July 8, 1824 in Covich County

TABITHA WHITTINGTON - b ca 1810 in Mississippi⁶

Isham and Tabitha's marriage was consented to by Seth Corley and John Whittington. Isham Corley was in Hinds county in 1830⁴ and had only one female under the age of 5 living with him. Isham was not found in the 1840 census but in 1850⁶ he and Tabitha were living in Scott County. Their children were Martha A. (age 12) Nancy (age 7), Annice P. (age 5) and James P. (age 2). In 1860 they³⁵ were no longer in Mississippi but had moved to Winn Parrish in Louisiana.

JACOB CORLEY - born between 1775 and 1794⁴

In 1816 Jacob Corley was in Pike County¹⁹ under the name of Cawley and was still there in 1820³. He had no wife nor children. In 1830 he was in Hinds county⁴ and living in the household was 1 male between 20 and 30 and 2 females under 5 and 1 female between 5 and 10 and 2 between 10 and 15. There was also a female between the age of 30 and 40 who could have been his wife. He had 2 male and 4 female slaves.

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JACOB CORLEY - born between 1800 and 1810⁵

Jacob Corley was living in Tishomingo County⁵ in 1840 with 2 males between 5 and 10, 3 males between 10 and 15, and 2 males between 15 and 20 plus 1 female to have been the proper age of a wife.

JEREMIAH CORLEY born between 1794 and 1804^{19&20}

Jeremiah Corley was in Pike County in 1816¹⁹ under the name of Cawley and was still in Pike County in 1820³. In his household were 2 males and 2 females under 10 and 1 female 10 to 16. He was not located in either the 1830 or 1840 censuses.

NATHAN CORLEY^{34&6} born ca 1791⁶ in South Carolina
married

MARTHA - born ca 1792⁶ in North Carolina

In 1816³ Nathan Corley was living in Wayne County². In 1820 he was in Perry county and in the household were 2 males under 10 and 3 females under 10. In 1830 he was residing in Jones County with 2 males under 5, 2 males 5 to 10, 1 male 10 to 15 and 1 male 15 to 20. The females in the household were 2 under 5 and 2 between 10 and 15. In 1840 he appears under the name of Cawley in Newton county. In the household were 2 males 5-10, 3 males 15 to 20 and 1 male 20 to 30. The females were 4 under 5, 2 between 10 and 15, 1 between 20 and 30 and 1 between 30 and 40 plus a female of the proper age to have been his wife. Nathan owned 7 slaves in 1840. The female between 30 and 40 would indicate there was someone other than a daughter living in the household as no one who would have been of this age appeared in the 1830 census.

Nathan Corley received a patent on land in Newton County⁴⁰ in 1841. On Sep. 20, 1849 Nathan Croley purchased land in Rankin County³⁷. This apparently adjoined property he already owned because on Dec³⁷, 1849, Nathan Corley and wife, Martha, sold this plus additional acres³⁴. Nathan and Martha owned other property in Rankin county and apparently were selling it since they were living in Hancock at the time. On Jan 16, 1850 they sold 120 additional acres²⁶ of land in Rankin county although they were of the county of Hancock²⁷. About this same time they sold property in the town of Brandon. During these transactions Martha had given Nathan her power of attorney.

In 1850 Nathan and Martha were living in Hancock County⁶ with three children whose surnames appear to be Mitchell and Mims.

PURTIMAN CORLEY - born between 1775 and 1794^{3&4}
married on Jan 1, 1829²⁸ in Rankin Co Mississippi
ELIZABETH H. WILLIAMS born between 1800 and 1810

Purtiman Corley was in Wayne County in 1816². In 1820 he was in Perry County³ and in the household were 4 males between 10 and 15, 1 male between 15 and 20 and there were 2 females older than he was who were over 45. In 1830 he was in Rankin County and had 2 males between 10 and 15, 1 male between 15 and 20 and one female under 5. The oldest female in the household was between 20 and 30. In Dec. 1834 Purteman's estate settlement was begun³⁰. He left a widow, Elizabeth H. and minor children Purteman, Sarah H. and Artemiseas. On Jan. 12, 1838, Elizabeth H. Corley married Edward Hall²⁸.

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listed as being over the age of 70 in 1823 and lived in Perry County³³. In 1830 he was living in Rankin County - was between 80 and 90 - his wife was between 70 and 80⁴. There was one child, a female, between the age of 5 and 10 (probably a grandchild) living with them. Settlement of William's³⁰ estate began in September 1834 with Valentine Corley named as administrator³⁰. There is no mention of a widow in the proceedings of the estate which was valued at approximately \$5,000.00 and was divided between 6 unnamed legatees.

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1. SYRIEL (CYRIL, SYRREL) E. CORLEY^{6&7}
b ca 1825 in Mississippi^{6&7} - d 1860 to 1867
m HARRIET¹⁰
b Jun 17, 1826¹⁰ - d April 28, 1907¹⁰

Syriel E. Corley was born ca 1825 in Mississippi^{6&7}. Who his parents were is not known, but he probably was a child of one of the 8 Corley families that were living in Mississippi in 1820 and 1830. His wife's name was Harriet, who was born June 17, 1826¹⁰ in Mississippi^{6&7}.

Syriel and Harriet were probably married around 1843 as their first child was born in August of 1844. In 1830, the Choctaws ceded their land to the United States. This land became Newton county in 1836 where Syriel and Harriet settled and had 5 children:

11. Ellen (Elenor) was born August 4, 1844¹⁰ in Mississippi^{6&7}
12. Mary was born in 1849 in Mississippi^{6&7}
13. J. (James) Robert was born June 12, 1852¹⁵ in Mississippi^{6&7}
14. H. Urban E. was born October 22, 1854 in Mississippi^{6&7}
15. Jane was born in Sep 1859 in Mississippi^{6&7}

All of these children grew to adulthood unless it was Jane as no record other than the 1860 Census has been located for her. Also in the 1860 Census, Rebecca Corley, age 66, was living with the family. What her relationship was is not known.

Syriel made full payment on public land in Newton county on May 2, 1859. In 1860 the property was valued at \$500 and the postoffice was Hickory. This property is located approximately 2 miles northeast of Hickory.

During the Civil war there was much destruction of property in this area and any records concerning when or where Syriel died were lost. Sometime between 1860 and 1867, Harriet became the head of the household and on November 19, 1867 she purchased land located about 5 miles south and a little east of Yazoo City in Yazoo county Mississippi. There she struggled to raise her family and make ends meet. Between 1873 and 1880 she sold the property and went to live with her oldest daughter, Ellen¹⁴. Between 1880 and 1900 she followed her son, H. Urban E. into Hopkins County Texas¹⁸ and her grandchildren remembered her as "dear old Grandmother Corley was a saint on earth always ready to praise the Lord with songs and quoting the Scripture, she will not be forgotten by those who knew her"¹⁶.

Harriet Corley died on April 28, 1907, and is buried in the family cemetery¹⁰ plot at Harmony Methodist Church in the country just outside Winnsboro, TX¹⁰.

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DESCENDANTS OF SYRIEL E. AND HARRIET CORLEY

11. ELLEN (ELENOR) born Aug 4, 1844 - died Apr 29, 1888¹⁰
married⁴¹ JAMES W. CASTLES born 25 Apr 1840 - died Apr 15, 1925¹⁰

Their children and grandchildren^{12&41}

111. Wiley "Wiley" W. Castles married Ida Stokes¹²

- 1111. Lokie Castles married Tom Dagley
- 1112. Cleborne Castles - not married
- 1113. Bennie R. Castles married Lenice Wetsel
- 1114. Ernest L. Castles married Addie Funderburk
- 1115. Annie Castles married George McCain
- 1116. Luther Castles married Leavy Allison
- 1117. Cecil Castles married Thelma Baker
- 1118. Delma Castles born 1904 - died 1918
- 1119. Ethel Castles married Claud Hall
- 111-10. Ida Pearl Castles married Ward Adair
- 111-11. Sylvester Castles born 1912 - died 1913

112. Sarah "Sallie" Castles married Tom Riggs¹²

1121. Will Riggs married Flo _____

113. Mattie Castles married Shelby Riddle¹²

- 1131. Annie Riddle married _____ Counts
- 1132. Ruby Riddle married _____ Weheit
- 1133. Robert Riddle married Lillian _____
- 1134. child
- 1135. Eula Riddle married _____ Larson
- 1136. Buck Riddle - no other information
- 1137. Robbie Riddle - no other information

114. Emmett Castles married Fannie Keener¹²

- 1141. May Castles married Noel Grubbs
- 1142. Grace Castles married Grover West
- 1144. Gladys Castles
- 1145. Beatrice Castles married Potts Caldwell
- 1146. Sigvard Wesley Castles born and died in 1922
- 1143. Pauline Castles married Rube¹² Henderson

115. Mollie Castles married Frank Simpson¹²

- 1151. Altus E. "Red" Simpson married Annie McGill
- 1152. Johnie Simpson
- 1153. Roxie Simpson married Ozzie Webb
- 1154. Anee Simpson married _____

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(Children and grandchildren of Ellen (Corley) and James Castles continued)

116. Charles S. Castles married Julia H. Wilcox⁴²
1161. Lessie Castles married Loranzy Boles
1162. Bessie Castles married Earby Slaughter
117. Minnie Lou Castles married Daniel Moody Jenkins¹²
1171. Valton Jenkins - born 1900 - died 1914
1172. Lena Lucile Jenkins married Charlie C. Phillips
1173. Charlie Erbin Jenkins married Lillie Eula Hanson
1174. Jewell Jenkins born 1906 - died 1923
1175. Johny Dan Jenkins married Clarine Kinney
1176. Lester Aubrey Jenkins married Erbie Lee Hunt
1177. Deliliah Jenkins married Charlie B. Payne
1178. Archie B. Jenkins married Lola Hoover
1179. Daniel Moody Jenkins born 1915 - died 1938
117-10. Gladys Jenkins born 1919 - died 1930
118. Lester Castles born ca 1879²³
119. Edward Castles married Ollie French¹²
1191. Hazle Castles married Luke Newsome
1192. Minnie Castles married Alton Bacon
1193. Edward Castles, Jr. married Irene _____
1194. Nathan Castles married Nancy Dorrington
1195. Audie Castles - no other information known
1196. Elbert Castles - no other information known
1197. Arlon Castles - no other information known
- 11-10. George Dalton Castles married Annie Beatrice McFarland⁴¹
- 11-10-1. Lela Gertrue Castles married Homer Nelson Fuller
11-10-2. Ethel Aline Castles married #1 Glenn Davis
#2 Lee Brumley
#3 Grady Berry
#4 Lee Rose
11-10-3. James Aubrey Castles married Hazle Poor
11-10-4. Horace E. Castles married Edith Horton
11-10-5. Rio Gordon "Pete" Castles married Bonnie Carpenter
11-10-6. Meta Beatrice Castles married Howard Robinson
11-10-7. Doris Moselle Castles married Melvin McClung
11-10-8. Estelle Castles - born 1925 - died 1927
11-10-9. Mary Marjorie Castles married #1 Henry Moore
#2 George Allen Miller
- 11-11. Annie Castles born 1887 - died 1888¹²

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Searching for info on the CORLEY surname in Jones, Covington Counties.
Would like to sort out some these names I have.

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Dear Frances,

I was delighted to hear from you again. I am just as confused about the Corley's as you are. However, I did decide it was time I sat down and study the material that I have. It would be helpful though if you could send me more detailed information regarding your families and their where-about's.

Originally, I believed that ZACCHEUS CORLEY, born 1762-Orange Co., NC was my link beyond my great great grandmother VIRGINIA "GINCY" ANN CORLEY SMITH.

Then, I thought it was his brother VALENTINE AUSTIN CORLEY, born 1770-NC.

ZACCHEUS CORLEY died Jan. 1849, in Bibb Co., AL. where he had moved in 1817 (Alabama Terr.) from Edgefield Co., SC, where he had been granted land in 1784 from his service in the Rev. War. His wife #2 was Elizabeth Burnett, daughter of Pleasant and Anna (Gentry) Burnett. Elizabeth was born about 1785-SC; died 11-01-1853 in Bibb Co., AL.

VALENTINE AUSTIN CORLEY was born 1770-NC; lived in Edgefield Co., SC at the same time as ZACCHEUS. He moved to Merriwether Co., GA. by 1832. His wife may have been Mary Snead.

Also in Edgefield Co., SC at the same time, was WILLIAM CORLEY, BARTLETT CORLEY, JOHN CORLEY, and MICAJAH CORLEY. Later there were others, including a CHARLES CORLEY who went to Sabine Parish, LA with other Corley's.

Since your CHARLES DICKERSON CORLEY was born in GA., it is possible that he is the son of either ZACCHEUS, VALENTINE, or WILLIAM, as all of them were either in GA. or had passed through GA. early on.

The Corley's that came to Miss., early on, were WILLIAM CORLEY, born about 1740 in Virginia, and he came with what appears to be his sons, VALENTINE, NATHAN, BERRYMAN, PERTIMAN, WILLIAM JR., AND a daughter named PATSY CORLEY MYRICK, and possibly others. Of these, I believe that VALENTINE was the eldest son.

The elder WILLIAM CORLEY, born 1740-VA. is probably our connection, and is apt to be the WILLIAM CORLEY in Edgefield Co., SC when ZACCHEUS and others were there. They were all probable brothers!

In 1815, NATHAN CORLEY is the first Corley found in Miss. (Wayne Co.). In 1817, they are all in Wayne Co. By 1820 they were all in Perry Co., and by 1830 they were all in Rankin Co., with the exception of NATHAN, who was in Jones Co., Miss. at that time.

It is difficult to explain, so I will try to do a chart on the elder WILLIAM CORLEY and his family, or who I believe is his family. The counties you need to research are Rankin, Newton, Jasper, Jones, Wayne,

Perry, and Hancock, from the years 1815 through the 1860's.

The marriage of VIRGINIA "GINCT" ANN CORLEY to WILLIAM N. SMITH was 17 Jan. 1839. The county was Rankin, and the bondsman was VALENTINE CORLEY. This indicates that VALENTINE was VIRGINIA's father, or even her brother. Since the elder WILLIAM CORLEY was deceased in 1835, prior to the marriage by several years, it would be natural for VALENTINE to stand in for the deceased father, or be the father himself.

At the elder WILLIAM CORLEY's death, his will leaves all property to 6 legatee's, that were unnamed, but prior to this, WILLIAM deeded his son VALENTINE, a gift of Two Slaves. This is why I feel that VALENTINE was the eldest son. And since we know that NATHAN, PERTIMAN, BERRYMAN, WILLIAM JR, VALENTINE, and PATSY CORLEY MYRICK, all came to Miss. at the same time as WILLIAM CORLEY SR., we must assume that they were the unnamed legatee's.

All of these children, of William Corley, sold land in Rankin Co., Miss. not long after his death, indicating that they sold their shares they received from his estate.

I hope I have not confused you all the more. There's not much more I can tell you without further knowledge of your family, but perhaps, there is something here that will help you.

Happy hunting, and I do hope that you will keep in touch.

Sincerely yours,

Dovie Mae

Dovie Mae Harvey

P.S. I am also researching other surnames in MS.
(Copiah & Covington (Hot Coffee) Counties).
Samuel Craft was postmaster in Hot Coffee, Covington Co., Ms. His wife was Drucilla Owens. Their daughter
Selestia Craft married William Allen McLemore of
Copiah Co., the son of Craven McLemore and Elizabeth
Hood? McLemore. Craven was killed on his way home
from the Civil War by a jealous husband.
William and Selestia (Craft) McLemore are my great
grandparents. Their son Samuel Craven McLemore
was my grandfather.
William A. McLemore was a school teacher in Copiah and
Covington Co., Ms., in Arkansas, in Okla Ind. Terr.
and in Caddo Co, Okla.

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This is the Corley's that were in Miss. by 1815.

FAMILY GROUP SHEET

SHEET NUMBER _____

NAME CORLEY, William

HUSBAND William Corley

BORN ca. 1740 WHERE VA.

DIED 1834-35 WHERE Rankin Co., MS.

MARRIED ON 1768 ? WHERE Norfolk Co., VA.

BY _____

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HIS FATHER'S NAME Robert Corley ?

MOTHER'S Sarah Samford ?

WIFE'S MAIDEN NAME Mary Porteus ?

BORN ca. 1750

WHERE _____ PARENTS NAME _____

DIED 1830-1834 WHERE Rankin Co., MS.

BURIAL PLACES - HUSBAND _____

WIFE _____

NOTES In 1820, all of these Corley's lived in Perry Co.. William (above)
is 80-90 years old. In 1830, all are in Rankin Co. except Nathan
who is in Jones Co.

BIRTH ORDER	CHILDREN	Possible Children	BORN	WHERE	MARRIED	SHEET NUMBER
M-1	Valentine Corley-	wife Rhoda	ca. 1775	SC	resided Rankin	
F-2	Patsy Corley-	husband Dennis Myrick	ca. 1777	SC	resided Rankin	
M-3	Nathan Corley-	wife b. NC Martha	ca. 1780	SC	resided Hancock	
		Co. in 1848-1850, but sold land in Rankin Co. in these years.				
M-4	Berryman Corley-	wife Elizabeth	ca. 1780	SC	resided Rankin	
M-5	Partiman Corley-		ca. 1780	SC	resided Rankin	
		wife #2 Elizabeth H. Williams, married 1 Jan. 1829				
M-6	William		ca. 1780	SC		
		He resided in possibly the Third Choctaw Cession area. Those counties were Jasper, Neshoba, and Lauderdale. He transferred some deeds in Rankin Co. in 1834 and in 1838, but was not a resident.				

NOTES- LIST REFERENCES TO CENSUS, COURT RECORDS, TAX LISTINGS AND OTHER SOURCES OF INFORMATION ON EACH OF THE ABOVE.

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Dear Jean

This is the post again. Hope you are doing well. I have retired from the fabric store. Maybe I will have more time to work on Cmt.s for you.

Have you come across a Charles D. Corley at Westville in Rankin or Simpson Co.? was there in 1840. I haven't found him for 1850 ect. His son was my 99 grandfather (William Benjamin Franklin Corley ~~ma~~ b. 2-9-1838-5-30.1923 (son of Charles Dickerson + Nancy Jennings Corley) W.B.F. married Frances Evans b-10-1861 Jasper Co. Ms. He served 8 Regt. Miss. Vol. Mustered into service 7-29-1861 at Horders ~~Chap~~ Paulding Ms. in prison at Louisville Ky. 1864 - then at Camp Douglas Chicago Ill. Transferred 4-14-1865 - Enlisted in 5th U.S. Vols. W.B.F. + Frances children were born in Lawrence Co. Ms. the oldest my 9 grandmother Almeda b. 1867³⁻²⁸⁻¹⁹⁶² I do not know when they moved back to Jasper Co. Would like to find if C. D. Corley had other children + dates on him + his family.

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I think the Nathan Simpson^{mentioned} in the
Autob of A. Ramsey is father of my 99 grandmother
Martha Simpson b. 3-20-1825 - 6-30-1873 marr.
Richard Buckley b. 3-12-1826 - 2-11-1918.

There is supposed to be Redding family name
in the Corley family maybe the mother of Nancy
Jennings Corley or Frances Evans Corley. I
knew this is a rambling mess. maybe you
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what I have on the Simpson family if some
one else is working on this line that you know
of. Take care of yourself & happy hunting
Love Frances

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(Nathan) Simpson family

- ① Elisha Simpson b. 2-27-1758 in North Hampton Co. N. Car. died 9-4-1835 in Washington Co. Ala. his wife was Estee ? b. ? d. ?

1-A. Nathan b. 5-28-1785 in N. Car. d. 10-14-1868 in Smith Co. Ms. marr. Temprence ? about 1809 in Washington Co. Ala. Temprence b. 6-22-1789 in Ala or Tenn. died 5-18-1874 Smith Co. Miss. Their children were

- 1-A-1 Susana b. 10-12-1810 - 11-25-1880 (Texas)
1-A-2 William b. 12-9-1812 - 11-11-1862 ^{Mrs. Mary Jane Moore - 1ds} Bradley Co. Ark.
1-A-3 Richard b. 12-24-1814 - 1-19-1858
1-A-4 Harriet b. 6-18-1816
1-A-5 Lina b. 1-30-1819
1-A-6 Charlotte b. 7-17-1821 - 11-12-1872 lived in Ark.
1-A-7 Martha b. 3-20-1825 - 6-30-1873 married Richard Buckley b. 3-12-1826 - 2-11-1918 (5 children)
1-A-8 Eliza b. 6-27-1827 - 10-15-1924 never marr. living with her sister Narcissa Ducksworth 1880 Jones Co.
1-A-9 Wyatt b. 6-12-1830 - 5-26-1836 in Jasper Co. Ms.
1-A-10 Narcissa b. 11-20-1831 - 4-15-1882 marr ? Ducksworth
1-A-11 Willis b. 10-20-1834 - 8-21-1913 lived in Turnerville Tex. marr. Cynthia Jane Graves b. 4-2-1842 Cov. Co. Ms. d. 1-8-1927 moved to Tex. about 1879

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Winston County
Parents of Sam Phelps Haynes

Jeff Davis Aikens - son of John
Aikens and Martha Chandler
Haynes

Marriage / Place of Marriage
of John Aikens / Martha Chandler
Haynes

" Nanny Corley
George Co. Library "

Reception following the ceremony
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3218 Dantzler Street
Moss Point, Mississippi

Bridal Tea Shower
honoring
Miss Elinor Leigh Corley
bride-elect of
Mr. Douglas Clayton Allen
Saturday, the seventh of May
Nineteen hundred and ninety-four
from two until four in the afternoon

Mrs. L. Rupert Carlot
Mrs. William Travis Avara, Jr.

Marshdown
817 Spanish Avenue
Pascagoula, Mississippi

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Brannan Corley
request the honour of your presence
at the marriage of their daughter

Elinor Leigh

to

Mr. Douglas Clayton Allen
Saturday, the twenty-eighth of May
nineteen hundred and ninety-four
at eleven o'clock

Dantzler First United Methodist Church
Moss Point, Mississippi

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Friday, June 11, 1993

RELIGION



CONFIRMATION — Brannon Corley III, (second from left) Glen Christopher II, Jodi Blackman and Laura Adkison were confirmed as members of Dantzler United Methodist Church of Moss Point at the morning worship services May 30. Their confirmation was the climax of six weeks of study ending in a retreat on May 29. The retreat and study were led by the following mentors and sponsors and retreat leaders — Dennis and Diane Gandy, Hazel Christopher, Charles Harrell, Frances Gardner, Charlotte Johnson, diaconal minister; and the Rev. H.J. Hedgepeth. Parents participating in the retreat were Paula Corley, Cathye Christopher, Marion Blackman and Vicki Adkison. Pictured with the students are Charlotte Johnson and Rev. Hedgepeth.

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MAKING PLANS — Pascagoula Area Zonta Club will have its 14th annual Day in the Plaza Arts and Crafts Festival Saturday, Oct. 5, from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Continuing to plan for the popular event are co-chairmen (left to right) Evelyn Draughn, Toni Rathel and Gai Corley. They are showing off some of the fine arts and crafts

that will be sold as well as a variety of mouth-watering food. For the first time this year, retail and service businesses have an opportunity to "Showcase Your Goods & Services" by having exhibits to sell, demonstrate and handout brochures, business cards and samples. For more information, call 475-7742. 9/

Staff photo/Susan Ruddiman

Meet Ed Corley



Ed Corley

In 34 years of service under his belt, Ed Corley, manager of plant engineering and maintenance, can show you where everything is at the Moss Point, Mississippi, Specialty Chemical Products facility, including the crabs and small fish.

Pointing them out is Ed's opportunity to show an example of the purity of the water that flows out of the facility and of Morton's commitment to environmental safety.

"The water in this ditch represents the total effluents that leave both the Moss Point Specialty Chemical Products and Dynachem Electronic Materials facilities," he said. "The crabs and small fish love the warm, clear water."

Over the past five years, Morton has spent more than \$13 million in cleanup and prevention measures to keep the environment safe at Moss Point.

Some of the projects include:

- the stabilization and closure of approximately 19 acres of open lagoon waste storage;
- construction of a new waste water treatment facility;
- construction of four cells of a hazardous solid waste landfill; and,
- installation of a ground water monitor and recovery system.

Manufactured at the facility are LP liquid polysulfide polymer, plasticizers and radiation curable products. And recently, coatings and caulks have been added to the product line.

"When I came to work in 1957, we had one building and manufactured one product — liquid polysulfide. It is still one of our main products," Ed said.

LP is used in sealing buildings, insulated glass units, airplane fuel tanks, gun turrets, navigation domes and in seam-filling on aircraft carrier decks.

In addition to his dedication to Morton International, Ed is involved in a number of community and church activities.

He, and his wife, Gai, are members of the Methodist Church in Moss Point, which was built in the mid 1800s.

He also serves on a number of Boards including The United Way, the Walter Anderson Museum of Art, the Salvation Army and the Moss Point School Board of Trustees.

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At library luncheon

Among local legislators gathered in Jackson for National Library festivities recently were (from left) Sen. Son Rhodes, George P. Smith of Long Beach, Gai Corley, chair of the state's planning commission for National Library Week, and Norman Graham, director of the

Harrison County Library. Librarians, trustees, friends and state officials from across Mississippi were on hand for the meetings and luncheons, during which plans for local celebrations of National Library Week, April 18-24, were discussed.

19-year-old to represent Point in state contest

Miss Elinor Leigh Corley has been selected as Moss Point's Miss Hospitality.

The 19-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed B. Corley will represent the city in the Mississippi Miss Hospitality competition in Biloxi in July.

Miss Corley was presented a bouquet of roses and a check from Moss Point Mayor Lloyd Roberts following her selection in a contest held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Avent.

A graduate of Moss Point High School, Miss Corley has completed two years of study at the University of Mississippi where she is a journalism-advertising major.

Others participating in the contest were Donna Flowers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Flowers, and Gay Nell Tanner, daughter of M.C. Tanner and Mrs. Ida Anel Tanner.

Judges were Mrs. Eva Golson, director of Fort Conde in Mobile; Mrs. Bobbie Thomas of Gulfport, congressional aide to Cong. Trent Lott; and Robert Moseley of Jackson, traffic and safety engineer for the Mississippi State Highway Department.

Susan Rouse, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rouse, has served as Moss Point's Miss Hospitality for the past year.



Miss Elinor Leigh Corley
Moss Point's Miss Hospitality



Elinor Leigh Corley

Miss Corley is a sophomore at University of Southern Mississippi and was graduated in 1979 from Pascagoula High School. She is the granddaughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Otis P. Eure of Hattiesburg, and of Mrs. Anita B. Corley of Hattiesburg and the late Edward Corley of Baton Rouge, La.

Presented at the ball by her father, she was escorted by Steve Stringfellow, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen C. Stringfellow.

Miss Corley wore a formal fashioned along princess lines of peau de soie, featuring a fitted bodice with scoop neckline and slender straps studded with rhinestones. The bodice was worked with iridescent sequins, scattered in flowerets, and she wore long white gloves.



(Staff Photo by Carol Waddell)

Miss Hospitality hopefuls

Three Jackson County beauties who will leave Wednesday to compete in the state-wide Miss Hospitality Pageant are (left to right) Miss Ocean Springs Michelle Fausnaugh, Miss Moss Point Elinor Corley and Miss Pascagoula Melanie McGrath. The pageant is held at the Mississippi Gulf Coast Coliseum in Biloxi where

the winner will be announced Saturday night. Michelle, 21, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Fausnaugh; Elinor, 19, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed B. Corley, and Melanie, 21, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert F. McGrath. (Staff Photo by Jerry Moulder)



Queen Joy XLIV, Elinor Leigh Corley



King Joy XLIV, Doug Fontaine

Elinor Corley, Doug Fontaine begin joy

Elinor Leigh Corley and Doug Fontaine reigned over the 44th Annual Jackson County Coronation Ball as King and Queen of Joy Friday evening at the Civic Center.

The ball is sponsored annually by the Young Men's Business Club of Moss Point and climaxes Carnival for the county as its oldest festivity of the season.

Emcee for the ball was Edward A. Khayat, president of the board of supervisors, and music was by Destiny of Mobile.

The coronation capped weeks of suspense, as the identity of the king and queen are kept secret until unmasking ceremonies, which immediately follow the crowning of the new monarchs.

Miss Corley is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward B. Corley of Moss Point and the granddaughter of Mrs. Anita B. Corley of Hattiesburg and the late Edward C. Corley of Baton Rouge, La., and of the late Mr. and Mrs. Otis P. Eure of Hattiesburg.

A sophomore at University of Mississippi majoring in journalism and advertising, she is active in Kappa Delta sorority, Women in Communication and Public Relation Students Society of America. Miss Corley was one of the Pas-Point area debutantes presented by the Mississippi Gulf Coast

Debutante Association during the 1980 Christmas season. A 1979 graduate of Moss Point High School, she was senior homecoming maid, senior beauty and selected for "Who's Who in American High Schools."

Fontaine is president and managing director of LaFont Inn and is married to the former Bertha VanLandingham. They have three children, Douglass II, Becky and Patrick and make their home in Pascagoula.

A graduate of Baylor School in Chattanooga, Tenn., and University of Mississippi, Fontaine is a recognized civic and business leader of Jackson County. He has served as president of the county's Economic Development Foundation, the Pascagoula Rotary Club and the Pascagoula-Moss Point Area Chamber of Commerce.

In 1977, Fontaine was named Outstanding Citizen of Jackson County and received the American Hotel and Motel Association's Outstanding Director Award in 1976. He has served the Mississippi Coast Innkeepers Association as president three times, and is currently vice president and president-elect of the AHMA.

Also honored during the ball was Dr. M.L. Smith, retired minister and leading citizen of the county. Dr. Smith is the second senior citizen to be special

ly honored at a YMBC Carnival ball, continuing a brand new tradition for this oldest of Carnival galas.

Officers of this year's YMBC ball were Joseph Brown, president and publicity; Charles Harrell, chair of the ball; Ralph Moseley and Willie Firth, directors of art work; Frank Hammond, parade marshal; Cliff Stagg, official photographer; S.A. McInnis, official florist; Ward Smith, reservations; Phillip Watts, chair of ushers; Marion Pickett, sound effects; Pete Livingston, honorary chair of the coronary ceremony; Holland Schatz, chair of the royal court, and Jimmy Wheat, chair of the reception.

Assisting with the programme were John Adams, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Adams of Moss Point, drummer; Kyle Crosby, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawton Crosby of Moss Point, and Billy Perkins, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Perkins of Escatawpa, trumpeters.

In welcoming visitors to the ball, emcee Khayat recognized Ross Lety, Richard Shields Jr., Harrell, Firth, Carney Harvey, Smith, Brown, Ray Bray and other club members for their work on decorations which carried out the ball's theme, "The Famous Muppets."

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"Kermit the Frog is considered to be one of the superstars of the group. He has been singled out for special honors such as 'the only frog ever to have been praised in the Congressional Record,' the official record book of the U.S. Congress. He was also made an honorary policeman in Lafayette, Ind.

"Jim Henson created these funny-looking characters to produce a happy mood among the young and the old. Tonight we are using these funny-looking characters as the theme for the 1981 YMBC Carnival Ball.

"To help create that happy mood for all of you, we extend a special welcome to you from Kermit, Ms. Piggy, Beaker, Animal, Fozzy Bear, Rowlf, Statler, Waldorf and all the rest of the Muppets.

"This move back to simplicity, make-believe and, especially, love, brings us together to have a happy time."

Joe Kent Bishop of Moss Point and Toni Annette Stiglet of Pascagoula were presented to the court as King and Queen of Joy, last year's winning couple. Following the presentation of the 1981 court, the coronation unmasking, Fontaine and Miss Corley led the grand march and the court dance.

Dancing till 1 a.m. by court members and visitors was followed by the king's and queen's reception at LaFont Inn.

For her evening of misrule, Majesty the Queen wore a royal nation gown designed especially for her by Stevens Moore. The regalia of white silk tulle was decorated with a slightly lifted bodice, crusted with rhinestone motifs, were caught at the base with a spray of crystal teardrops. Small rhinestone circlets, formed of rhinestones in various sizes outlined the bodice, encompassed the bodice. Double rhinestone added to the brilliance and crossed in the back.

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large rhinestone sunbursts accented
with smaller rhinestone motifs caught
with crystal teardrops, which added to
the glittering display. Her Majesty
chose Siam red velvet for the back-
ground of her exquisite. The flowing
lines of scrolls were worked 2 along the
border, and 20 graduated scrolls of
gold 3 lame' edged in metallic gold
braid set with rhinestones framed an
urn on a pedestal with a vine of grape
leaves entwined about it. The urn was
formed of gold lame' overlaid with
handmade gold braid from India, with
an insert of bronze metallic fabric. The
pedestal of gold ribbed fabric. The
pedestal of ribbed fabric featured
scorings of graduated crystal and
Siam red stones.

Above the urn was the Queen's
monogram. White fur edged the man-
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Gold metallic brocade lined the man-
tle. The sparkling collar used the scroll
design for its 13 ribs set with clear and
Siam red Austrian full cut select
rhinestones of rosecut, pear and
baguette shapes. Drops of Cezchoslo-
vakian clear and Siam red crystal
edged the collar. Her crown and scept-
re, using a matching design, were set
in clear Austrian rhinestones.

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Sunday, March 1, 1981 - 1-B

Miss Alexander is bride of Mr. Bryan

Angela LeAnne Alexander became the bride of George Michael Bryan Jr. on March 8 in an afternoon ceremony at First Baptist Church of Moss Point, with the Rev. J.T. Hannaford officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Billie Faye Alexander and the late Robert Lee Alexander, and the bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. G.M. (Dixie) Bryan Sr., all of Moss Point.

Betty Piper, organist, and Jane Lewis, pianist, offered a program of nuptial music at the piano for the exchange of double ring, candlelight vows. Bettie Payne directed the service.

Escorted by her grandfather, Alton W. Alexander, the bride wore formal ivory silk taffeta and re-embroidered Alencon lace. The fitted Basque bodice of beaded Alencon lace featured a

sweetheart neckline and puffed sleeves. The full skirt was bordered with Alencon lace and featured appliques of the lace on the cathedral length train. For her headpiece, the bride wore a crown of Alencon lace with veils of beaded illusion. She carried a cascade of ivory silk lilies, alstroemeria, pixie carnations, spirea, stephanotis and English ivy, tied with bridal picot.

Nancy Alexander served her sister as maid of honor and bridesmaids were Trudy Freeman of Ponchatoula, La., cousin of the bride; Lisa Lander of Moss Point; Mary Hanson of Pascagoula, and Karissa Brown of New Orleans, La.

Jeff Bryan stood with his brother as best man, and groomsmen, who also served as ushers and candlelighters, were Steve Brown of New Orleans,

David Lewis of Jackson, Chuck Brown of Mobile, Ala., and Kelly Oliver of Gautier.

A reception followed in the church fellowship hall, with Voncell Lety of Moss Point directing the fete. Guests were registered by Leigh-Anne Stanley of Moss Point, and assisted by Grace Mills and Elinor Corley of Moss Point, Muriel Farmer and Melissa Evans of Pascagoula, Gayla Brown of Mobile, and Lisa Oliver of Gautier. Rice girls were Mary Freeman and Mindy Freeman, cousins of the bride.

After a wedding cruise to the Bahama Islands, the couple is at home in Gulfport. On the eve of the wedding, the parents of the bridegroom entertained with a rehearsal dinner at the Tiki Restaurant of Gautier.

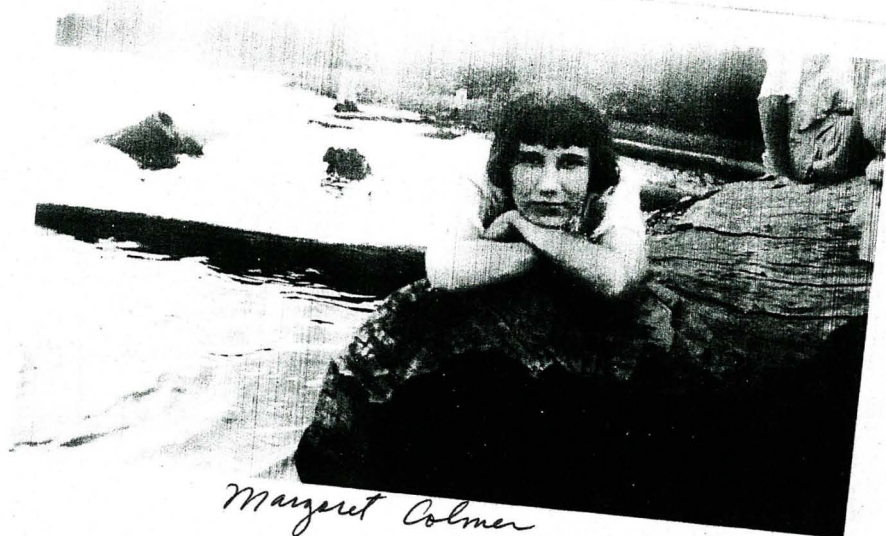


Mrs. George Michael Bryan Jr.



MAKING THEIR BOWS TO SOCIETY LAST WEEK WERE THESE YOUNG WOMEN from Jackson County. From left are Sabrina Elaine Avara, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William R. Avara Jr. Miss Avara is a junior at the University of Southern Mississippi where she is a business administration major; Miss Donna Katherine Flowers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Whitfield Flowers, a junior at Southern where her sorority is Kappa Delta. In the center, Jennifer Margaret Howell is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Howell and a junior at Agnes Scott College in Decatur, Ga. Julie Andea Graham, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Graham is a student at the University of Alabama where her sorority is Zeta Tau Alpha. Elinor Leigh Corley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Corley is a Pascagoula High School graduate and a sophomore at Southern Mississippi where she is active in many activities. Each debutante wore traditional white and the grand ballroom of the Hilton Hotel was decorated in seasonal flowers and greenery. The debutantes were introduced by Dr. Lawrence Oden. Following the presentation the honorees and their guests were served champagne punch while a buffet breakfast was served at the conclusion of the ball.

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Corley Family History



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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13, 1998

Moss Point civic leader Ed Corley dies at 67

From Staff reports

PASCAGOULA — Edward Brannan "Ed" Corley, known for various community leadership roles, died Saturday. He was 67.

Corley died after fighting a long battle with cancer.

Corley's resume was filled with community activities and affiliations, including Moss Point Separate Municipal School District — Board of Trustees (1974-94), the last 15 years of which he was the chairman; Jackson County Area Chamber of Commerce — director and past president (1981-82); Salvation Army, advisory board (1986-98); United Way of Jackson County — past director and chairman of allo-



Ed Corley

cation committee; Mississippi Economic Council — board of directors (1984-87).

In 1982, Corley received the Jackson County Outstanding Citizen Award and was appointed the same year by the governor of Mississippi to serve an interim period on the Jackson County Board of Supervisors.

Dorothy Myles served with Corley for 15 years on the Moss Point School Board.

"Ed Corley was a man of extraordinary vision, a humanitarian, a gentle-

man, a man of impeccable character — a true friend," she said. "He loved. He laughed. He gave unselfishly of himself. He cared. He lived a life worthy of emulation. I valued his friendship; I respected his leadership ability."

Corley also served on the board of trustees and various committees for Dantzler Memorial First United Methodist Church.

Long-time friend Frank Balcer of Moss Point complimented Corley's servitude to the community.

"Ed was a person who helped anyone in town," he said. "Much of his service to this community was done quietly in the background and few ever knew what all he did."

Corley received a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from Mississippi State University in 1957. He served in the U.S. Air Force and Mississippi Air National Guard as an officer and pilot before an honorable discharge in 1962.

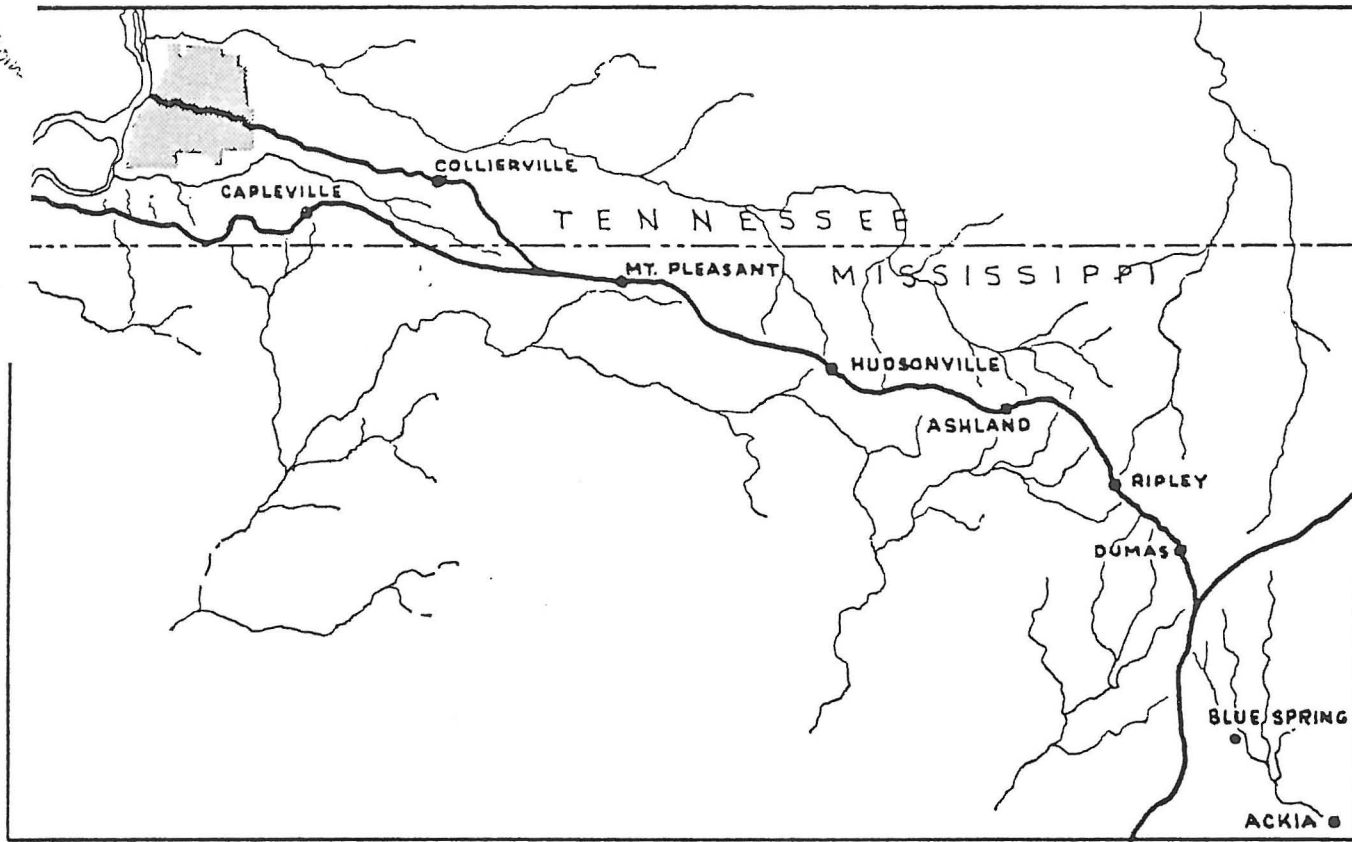
Gary Smith of Pascagoula worked with Corley through the Salvation Army.

"He always was the most generous person with his time and service to help others," Smith said. "Ed Corley certainly was one of the outstanding people in Jackson County."

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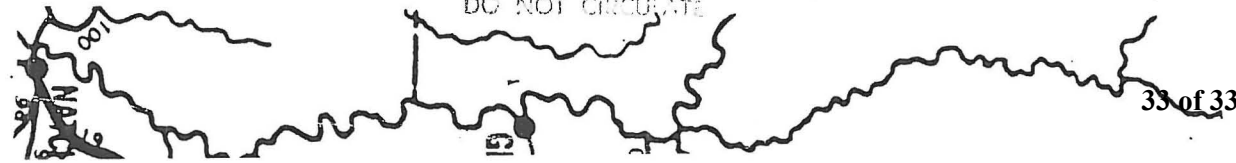
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